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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement of Billing-Medel *et al.* for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT, the specification of which was filed on March 27, 1998 and received Serial No. 09/049,696.

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Respectfully submitted, Billing-Medel *et al.* 

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement contained in the Office Action of June 24, 1999, Applicants respectfully elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-6, 11, 12, 15, 17 and 18), with traverse.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, she is respectfully sequested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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